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Applicant: Merton Bernfield and Ofer Reizes

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For: METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR REGULATING OBESITY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 7, 1999, and the Advisory Action mailed November 30, 1999, reflecting the telephone interview on November 23, 1999, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Request for Filing a Continuing Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d), the appropriate fee for a small entity, and a Petition for Extension of Time, with the required fee for a small entity, to extend the period for response for two additional months, to and including January 7, 2000.

**In the Claims**

1. (twice amended) A [non-human] transgenic [animal genetically engineered to express] rodent whose genome comprises a stably integrated DNA sequence encoding a syndecan [or proteoglycan portions thereof] operably linked to a promoter, wherein expression of the DNA sequence results in the [animal is characterized by an obese phenotype] rodent developing maturity onset obesity.

Please cancel claim 2.